

ER Unit Meeting

The R8 Emergency Response Unit had their regular Tuesday meeting on September 23 in the REOC.

It was announced that Shawn McCaffrey (8P-W-TF) has joined the enforcement staff.

Chris Freed led a training session on the new phones, covering topics such as scrolling through the apps, use of the microphone, re-orienting maps to the direction you are proceeding, quick ways to eliminate emails, populating folders, how to look up contacts in the directory, delete contacts, voice texting, using the leveling function.

There were no contract updates.

The Red River Supply Warehouse Fire Site (Peronard) in Williston, North Dakota, was suggested for the October 7 Hot Coffee/Hot Wash, which is scheduled that day beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Laura advised OSCs to print out their FAITAS training certifications and to give a copy to Mark Wullstein, R8 training coordinator (who downloads copies to the Emergency Management and COOP portal), and to insert one in the lime green Training Certification notebook located on the shelving below the vehicle checkout area.

Several mine sites are currently involved in plugging their adits to reduce AMD including: Penn Mine, Golf tunnel and Red & Bonita. Management wants to share the knowledge and lessons learned and to develop possible brown-bag sessions.

The Agency has developed an OSC Academy to further develop expertise among on-scene coordinators in four categories: leadership, CERCLA, oil and IT. Merritt and McComb have been selected to attend this year's leadership training.

Enforcement is developing a training session for the ER program, tentatively scheduled for May 20. The program will focus on access and potential liability.

Self assessments are due by October 7. Performance reviews must be completed by October 31.

Barb's Corner: There are 15 TAs that have to be vouchered before October 10. Please review and sign them within a day or two. If you are traveling back-to-back request a pre-addressed envelope to return receipts timely